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IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 3, replace the first paragraph following the structural formulas with:

In the above formulae, R^1 and R^2 are, [the] different from each other, [and are a] protecting [group] groups for alcohol and said protecting [group] groups are such that only R^2 is removed when deprotection reaction is carried out. R^3 and R^4 are, the same or different, [and are] hydrogen, C_1-C_4 alkyl or phenyl, or may form a C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl group together with the adjacent carbon atom. X is a halogen atom or sulfonyloxy group.

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 with:

On the other hand, introduction of tetrohydropyranyl group is carried out by reacting compound (7) and dihydropyrane in the presence of acid catalyst, such as p-toluenesulfonic acid or pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate.

At page 11, replace the second paragraph with:

Each of [The combination of] the protecting groups R^1 and R^2 is selected from silyl ether-protecting groups, phenyl-substituted methyl-protecting groups and acetal-protecting groups. [The combination is] R^1 and R^2 are different from each other and [is] are such that [the combination as] only R^2 is removed, when the deprotection reaction is carried out.

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 with:

On the other hand, introduction of tetrahydropyranyl group is carried out by reacting compound (7) and dihydropyrane in the presence of acid catalyst, such as p-toluenesulfonic acid or pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate.

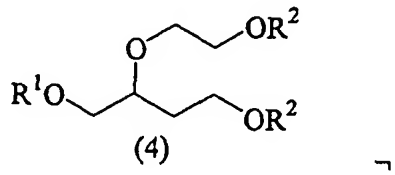
At page 11, replace the second paragraph with:

Each of the protecting groups R^1 and R^2 is selected from silyl ether-protecting groups, phenyl-substituted methyl-protecting groups and acetal-protecting groups. R^1 and R^2 are different from each other and are such that only R^2 is removed, when the deprotection reaction is carried out.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-24, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following claims.

25. A compound of formula



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or its optically active derivative, wherein R^1 and R^2 are different protecting groups for alcohol, such that R^2 is removable by a deprotection reaction that does not remove R^1.